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1. THE TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED U.S.-POLISH COOPERA-
TION IN MHD POWER GENERATON TOOK PLACE IN WARSAW ON FEBRUARY
19-20. THIS WAS THE SECOND LEG OF THE U.S.-POLISH MEETING ON
COAL RESEARCH HELD IN KATOWICE FEBRUARY 9-11. REPRESENTING
THE U.S. SIDE WAS DR. WILLIAM D. JACKSON FOR MHD DIVISION,
ERDA; THE POLISH SIDE WAS REPRESENTED BY PROFESSOR WOJCIECH
BRZOZOWSKI, INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH, DR. PUDLIK,
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK,DR. WLADYSLAW ZEMBATY, AND
INZ. JOZEF NOWAK, INSTITUTE OF POWER. A COPY OF THE
SIGNED RECORD OF MEETING WILL BE SENT TO OES FO DR. GANLEY.

2. THE REVIEW SESSION WAS SWIFT DUE LARGELY TO MUCH TECHNICAL
DETAIL HAVING BEEN DEFINED TWO DAYS EARLIER BY JACKSON AND
BRZOZOWSKI AT A MHD MEETING IN VIENNA. THE MAIN THRUST OF
THE WARSAW MEETING WAS TO ESTABLISH SOUND ORGANIZATIONAL
PROCEDURES FOR COOPERATION BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH A WORK PLAN.
IT WAS AGREED TO RECEIVE A REVISED POLISH PROPOSAL AND TO
SELECT PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ON EACH SIDE BY MARCH 5. IT WAS PROPOSED TO CONSIDER
INITIALLY A TWO-YEAR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM IN
DEVOLITALIZATION AND COAL GASIFICATION, WITH POSSILE
EXTENSIONS IN THE FUTURE WITHIN THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY
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3. ISSUES THAT WERE DISCUSSED BUT REMAIN TO BE IRMED UP WERE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PAYMENT UNDER POLISH-FUNDED PROJECTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, BRZOZOWSKI INDICATED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO FINANCING INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVE IN ZLOTIES BY THE POLISH SIDE WHILE THE CONTINENTAL U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PAYMENTS WOULD BE PICKED UP BY THE U.S. HE STATED THAT SIMILAR TRAVEL AGREEMENTS EXIST WITHIN THE FRAMEWORKOF THE FRANCO-POLISH AND SOVIET-POLISH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. BRZOZOWSKI IS PREPARED TO ABIDE BY THE RULING OF THE JOINT BOARD CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. HOWEVER, HE AND JACKSON BOTH FEEL THAT THE CONTINUED DELAY OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING, THE TIME-CONSUMING RECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE REVISED POLISH PROPOSAL, AND SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS MAY ALL ADVERSELY SHORTEN THE TIME REQUIRED TO OBLIGATE NEW ERDA APPROPRIA-TIONS OF THE EQUIVALENT OF 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MHD POWER GENERATION.

4. JACKSON'S VISIT TO WARSAW WAS FORESHORTENED BY TWO DAYS DUE TO RAPID PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER COMMITMENTS IN HIS SCHEDULE. HE WAS ABLE, HOWEVER, TO VISITTHE SWIERK MHD INSTALLATION WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE PROPOSED COOPERATIVE RESEARCH.
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